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In re Patent Application of )  
Yasushi SHIGEMORI et al. ) Confirmation No.: 9813  
Application Serial No.: 09/607,361 ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Examiner: K. Katcheves  
For: LIGATION OF DOUBLE-STRANDED )  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002 (Paper No. 21),  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Kindly cancel claims 10, 11, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject  
matter recited therein.